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In re Application of:

Bultman et al.

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For:

METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR DETERMINING A PRESENCE OF

MACRO AND MICRO DEFECTS

ON A SPECIMEN

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 22, 2004

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 22, 2004, please amend the case as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.